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A.—(*a*) So far as the stamps are concerned, the answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise.

(*c*) Because this question has not been fully considered by the Finance Committee.

As regards court-fees, the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 245.

Reduction of the rates of judicial and non-judicial stamp fees.

* 333 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what conclusion the Finance Committee and Government have arrived at on the question of the proposed reduction of the rates of judicial and non-judicial stamp fees ; and

(*b*) if they have decided to make such reduction when the necessary legislation will be brought ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 332.

State Prisoners

Release of Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon.

* 334 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has examined the case for the release of Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon after he took office ;

(*b*) whether he has changed his opinion on the question and if so why ; and

(*c*) if not, when he proposes to release Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon ?

A.—(*a*) Not yet.

(*b*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The second part does not arise.

(*c*) The time of his release depends on the decision of the Government.

Local Boards

Nomination of defeated candidates to Hosur Taluk Board.

* 335 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of the defeated candidates who were nominated to the Taluk Board of Hosur ;

(*b*) the action taken by the Government to see that the popular will as recorded by ballot was not defeated ; and

(*c*) the names of other boards to which defeated candidates were similarly nominated ?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The Government have no information, but will inquire of the President, District Board, Salem.

(*b*) Under section 9 (4) (*b*) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, the nomination of members of taluk boards vests in presidents of district boards and the Government have no jurisdiction in the matter.